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SEASON'S GREETINGS

We extend the Season's Greetings to our growing family of readers. Drawing to the end of another year, we find much for which to be thankful. New friendships have grown and old ones held closer in esteem. We have expanded in our plant and in our service, thanks to the support of loyal customers. So we are very humble and grateful this Christmas Season. Once again, we desire to single out for a special word of thanks the news correspondents who have made it possible for us to supply our readers with news of the happenings in Appomattox County. Surely no newspaper ever had a more faithful group of correspondents than the Times-Virginian, and they contribute so much to the enjoyment of our subscribers. And we also extend our appreciation to our various suppliers, who have kept us in inventory of the many items that are used in a newspaper plant. Due to paper scarcity, etc., we have from time to time had to omit advertising or news copy, yet we have been able to fare better than many newspapers. We look forward to 1948 as another year of growth.

CONGRATULATIONS

Two items of congratulation:

First, thanks to the local Lions Club, for once again bringing Santa Claus to Appomattox children. The event is an annual fixture here and always goes over successfully.

Second, congratulations to Southside Electric Co-op, for rushing the advent of electricity to many parts of our county. A swell job was done and many homes had lights in time for Christmas. We happen to know that a real speed-up job was done. The REA is a wonderful boon to our rural population and we think it is one of the greatest organizations of our time.

THE FOOD ARRIVES

Appomattox people who had a part in loading one of the Friendship Trains with food for Europe, will read with interest of the arrival of this food in France and Italy in time for Christmas. The welcome given the food shipments by hungry Europeans will touch our hearts and make us proud to have had some part in making it possible.

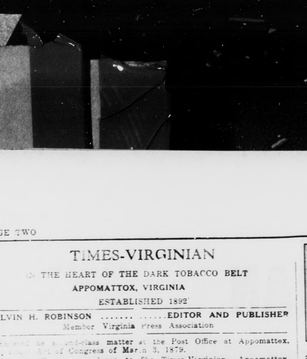
Large crowd of children here last Saturday to meet Santa Claus.

One in six said to have chronic disease.

Dutch plan to revive claims on Germany.

WHY WE SAY

by STAN J. COLLINS & L. J. SLAWSON



Cockfighting was usually limited to two roosters, but occasionally, especially when a king attended the performance, several birds were put into the ring so that the royal personage might enjoy a super show.

TEEN-AGE TRIUMPHS By Stookie Allen

TH' WINNAH!
Allene Roberts (17)
WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP, MOM, MY CHANCE WILL COME.
SEVEN YEARS AGO ALLENE WON A BEAUTIFUL CHILD CONTEST AND A SCREEN TEST IN HOLLYWOOD. AFTER THE TEST SHE WAS EXPECTED TO GO BACK HOME TO FLORIDA AND FORGET IT. BUT ALLENE STUCK. SHE WENT TO SCHOOL, HER WIDOWED MOTHER WENT TO WORK. AFTER MANY HEART ACHES, A DIRECTOR NEEDED A GAL WITH CHILDLIKE QUALITY WHO DIDN'T LOOK PROFESSIONAL. NOW, SHE'S A STAR IN A FILM WITH E.G. ROBINSON.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: Jude 24, 25; Revelation 16-22. MEMORIZE DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 145:1-13.

God's Eternal Rule

Lesson for December 28, 1947

THE last Sunday of another year brings us to a very fitting lesson, based on passages of Scripture found in Jude 24, 25, Revelation 16-22, and Matthew 2. The devotional reading is Psalm 145:1-13.

Dr. Newton

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." Jude 24, 25.

With this benediction, let us pause at the rapidly ebbing shoreline of the departing year, asking the meaning of God's goodness and mercy as reflected in the Christmas season and through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage.

As the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Divine Babe in Bethlehem, let us today wisely appraise his gifts to us during the past year, and examine our hearts to see if we are duly grateful.

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Rich Gifts for Jesus

READ again the second chapter of Matthew, particularly the section which describes how the Wise Men brought their gifts — rare and precious gifts—to the Son of God. They were rich gifts, meaning that they were costly. We dare not bring anything to Jesus that does not represent a measure of sacrifice.

Contemplating the days ahead, what shall be the test of our gifts to Jesus? Shall we give him our left-over time? Shall we be satisfied to bring him a pittance of material gifts? Or shall our gifts, like the gifts of the Wise Men, be the first fruits of all his increase? He asks for our love, our loyalty, our glad and sincere devotion.

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The Long Look

NOW we come to the heart of Sunday's lesson in Revelation 21:3: "He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples." God's eternal rule will be gladly acknowledged and received if all place their hands in his hand at the gate of another year.

Nineteen forty-eight holds many question marks. People are afraid. They are confused. And here comes the message of Sunday's lesson — "He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples."

The world is passing away, the lust thereof, but they that put their trust in God shall abide forever and ever. God's eternal rule has been vindicated in history. It will be vindicated again and again in the coming year wherever his people cast themselves in unwavering faith into his care and keeping.

We shall do well to read again and again the chapters in Revelation, 16-22, and see how all who walked with God were victorious, and how all who forgot him and forsook his ways, were destroyed.

Do we not see the clear application for our day and generation? The nations that forget God do die.

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God's Eternal Rule

LET us turn now to the verse in Psalm 145, which reads: "Thy Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations."

Every thoughtful person is today wistfully searching for certitude — for the assurance that behind these dark clouds that lower over our frightened world the sun still shines. Better, that the sun shall break through these clouds.

Our lesson gives that very assurance. This is our Father's world. He lives! He reigns! And he waits to reveal himself to us in wisdom and power. He will not force himself upon us. We must open the door to him. He stands and knocks.

Is that not enough to bring us to our knees in the fervent prayer, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven."

Beginning in the home, and spreading into every area of life, may the truth of Sunday's lesson become the watchword of America and of all lands as we enter upon the New Year. Thus panoplied, we shall be strong and prepared to meet and master every problem at hand and ahead.

"Our God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home."

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King's Iron Pants Now Back in Tower

Solves 400-Year-Old Mystery; Found in Castle.

LONDON. — The missing iron pants of King Henry VIII are now back in the tower of London, and a 400-year-old royal mystery is solved.

For centuries, the custodians of the royal armor had searched in vain for the bottom half of one of the marrying monarch's favorite fighting ensembles. They knew it existed because it was listed in the royal inventory of 1547 and the top half was in the tower.

Tower officials recently revealed that the long search was over.

Trustees of the estate of the hereditary King's Champion, Frank Scaman Dymoke, found the missing armor in the dim halls of Scrivelsby court, a moated castle in Lincolnshire.

The explanation was simple. Henry's pants had been accidentally joined to the top of a less distinguished suit of armor and thus escaped notice for generations.

The complete reunited suit, as it now stands in the tower, is a long-skirted model designed for fighting on foot. Henry VIII, equally formidable in war and matrimony, frequently participated in court jousts both on horseback and on foot.

Measurements of this suit show that Henry, in his prime, was a fine figure of a man, six feet tall and with a 34-inch waist. The popular conception of Henry as a fat man results from Holbein's portrait painted in Henry's declining years.

The Dymokes of Scrivelsby held the office of King's Champion for 700 years. Until 1821 the head of the family rode in full armor to each coronation ceremony where he flung a gauntlet before the assembly in a challenge on behalf of the king.

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ergreen, Dec. 22.- Rev. Simp- preached a fine sermon here at Methodist Church on Sunday

E. Hamilton, who has been sick med to be better.

and Mrs. Herbert Smith and Freddie, of Alexandria, spent week-end with her parents, Mr. Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

ers. Edward Harvey, G. W. ers, Roy Warriner, Ryland Stapl- and Mrs J. C. Staples all motor- Lexington Saturday to see her Frank Glover, who is in a there, with pneumonia. Mrs. is staying a few days with

Ferguson and two children, and Gregory, called to see Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover Sunday.

Mrs. W. S. Farrar, of Petersburg s ent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Sam Jennings. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Jennings.

Mrs. Eddie Warriner is improving after a recent illness.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg is staying this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mrs. A. B Ferguson is not well at this writing.

Mrs. L. L. Stewart continues ill.

Frank Glover, of Crewe, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrette.

Burke Paulette and Miss Gwendolyn Paulette were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Franklin and family, at Spout Spring.

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